

GEORGIA ALTERNATIVE FUEL VEHICLE INCENTIVES AND LAWS



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Overview

The State of Georgia does not offer incentives for private sector alternative fuel vehicles (AFVs). The Division of Energy Resources offers a grants program for public entities in Georgia to fund AFV conversions and purchases.

State Incentives

The State of Georgia has a Clean Fuels Grant Program available to local governments and authorities throughout Georgia to facilitate the introduction and expansion of fleet operations into the use of clean alternative fuels. Local governments and authorities must have a demonstrated commitment to the use of clean alternative fuels. Grants are funded up to \$50,000. Vehicles must operate full time on the clean alternative fuel. This grant program is a revision of an earlier program which offered zero interest loans for the same purposes. It is administrated by the Georgia Environmental Facilities Authority (GEFA).

GEFA has also worked with the natural gas and propane industries to produce directories for all stations offering refueling capabilities for both compressed natural gas (CNG) and propane.

For more information, contact Elizabeth Sparrow Robertson, Program Manager for the Clean Fuels Programs, at (404) 656-5176.

Utility/Private Incentives

Atlanta Gas Light Company (AGLC) offers incentives for purchasing new natural gas vehicles (NGVs) or converting existing vehicles to run on natural gas through the Energy Wise Natural Gas Vehicle Program. To help with costs of converting existing vehicles, AGLC will lease NGV tanks for \$1 per year. For buses, AGLC offers conversion financing or up to a 50% cash rebate on the purchase of the NGV option on a new bus. For commercial fleets, AGLC offers cash rebates to be applied to the incremental cost of the NGV for purchasing an original equipment manufacturer (OEM) vehicle. AGLC also provides financing for the cost of converting a vehicle to natural gas. If customers use recommended CNG storage tanks, AGLC will bear the costs of any required testing and re-certification. These incentives will expire in late 1996. At this time, there are no replacement plans. For additional information, contact David Godfrey, NGV Specialist, at (404) 584-3827.

Georgia Power provides technical assistance to fleets considering using electric vehicles (EVs) and provides incentives on a case-by-case basis. For more information, contact Laurie Swift at (404) 526-7858.

Laws & Regulations

Propane sold in bulk is exempt from a 4.5¢/gallon excise tax when sold to a consumer distributor.

Georgia will be lowering its low pressure vapor requirement to 7.0 psi (down from 7.8) for the first time during the summer months from June 1 to September 15 in order to reduce evaporative emissions.

The Environmental Protection Division of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources has issued guidelines to ensure that 75% of state operated vehicles will run on alternative fuels by the year 2000.

A 1992 law removes authority from the Public Service Commission to regulate the sale of CNG to the public for use as a motor fuel.

A 1993 law provides for an additional fee for a permit to dispense CNG as a vehicle fuel. CNG used for vehicular fuel is subject to a \$100 fee to the Fire Commissioner.

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